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## Jury selected in Sgt. Burke court martial

*Defense drops hints about their strategy*

BY BENJAMIN JOUBERT  
NEW ERA STAFF WRITER

After a morning of questioning, seven jurors were chosen to decide the guilt of former Army Sgt. Brent Burke, who's accused of murdering his ex-wife and her former mother-in-law in 2007.

During Tuesday's questioning, Burke's defense attorneys hinted at several attacks they could use to refute the prosecution's case.

Burke's private attorney, William Carter, told potential jurors that the trial was a case of "mistaken identity." Attempting to remove a juror whose family to a police officer, Burke's co-counsel, John Shaughnessy, said a big part of the defense will be challenging the way law enforcement handled the case. The defense wanted to avoid offending the juror, Shaughnessy said.

Carter also talked about young witnesses and the malleability of a child's memory when pressed by adult influences. Just because the defense is questioning a child on the witness stand does not mean the attorneys are being cruel,

Carter said.

Finally, because a gun will be used as evidence during the trial, Shaughnessy tried to strike two people from the jury who were members of the National Rifle Association.

In a court martial, a jury must consist of five to 10 jurors. As opposed to civilian court, where a jury must unanimously agree to reach a verdict, only five of the seven are needed in a court martial.

On Sept. 11, 2007, Burke allegedly shot his ex-wife, Tracey Burke, and her former mother-in-law, Brenda Comer, in Rineyville. The state dropped the charges against Burke after four mistrials in Hardin County. In 2011, Burke was arrested by the Army and charged under military law.

He is accused of premeditated murder, felony murder, burglary, child endangerment and obstruction of justice. If Burke is found guilty, he will be sentenced by the jury to either death or life in prison, according to the Uniform Code of Military Justice.

A jury in a court martial consists of senior officers and non-commissioned officers.

Military Judge Col. Timothy Grammel proceeded over the selection process. Army defense attorneys for Burke are Capt. Nathan Brown and Capt. Christopher Coleman. The military prosecution is Maj. Sondra Smith, Lt. Col. Matthew Calarco and Capt. Janae Lepir.

The trial will continue this morning.

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Burke

## Audit slams Richie Farmer



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In this 2010 file photo, former University of Kentucky basketball star, and then Kentucky agriculture commissioner Richie Farmer, talks with reporters during the annual ham breakfast at the Kentucky State Fair in Louisville.

### State auditor: Findings could lead to criminal investigation

BY ROGER ALFORD  
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

FRANKFORT, Ky. — En route to having his jersey retired by the University of Kentucky, Richie Farmer embodied the traits of a storied basketball program that's as deeply ingrained in the culture of its state as any in the country. He was a hardworking, sweet-shooting guard from Appalachia beloved as part of a steadfast group of players who turned

the team around after some tough years.

But as a politician, the sports icon fostered what state auditors would describe as "a toxic culture of entitlement" while he ran the state Department of Agriculture. A newly released state audit found that Farmer had hired his girlfriend at the agency — though she was rarely seen performing any work — and that he used government workers like servants to

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chauffer his dog, mow his lawn, take him shopping and even field dress a deer he once shot from his government vehicle.

Farmer's athletic fame launched him on a political career that has plummeted over the past year, largely

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## Obama sees 'new day' 1 year after bin Laden raid

BY BEN FELLER  
AP WHITE HOUSE CORRESPONDENT

BAGRAM AIR FIELD, Afghanistan — On a swift, secretive trip to the war zone, President Barack Obama declared Tuesday night that after years of sacrifice the U.S. combat role in Afghanistan is winding down just as it has already ended in Iraq. "We can see the light of a new day," he said on the anniversary of Osama bin Laden's death and in the midst of his own re-election campaign.

"Our goal is to destroy al-Qaida, and we are on a path to do exactly that," Obama said in an unusual speech to America broadcast from an air base halfway around the world.

He spoke after signing an agreement with Afghan President Hamid Karzai to cover the decade after the planned final withdrawal of U.S. combat troops in 2014. Obama said American



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President Barack Obama and Afghan President Hamid Karzai shake hands today before signing a strategic partnership agreement at the presidential palace in Kabul, Afghanistan.

forces will be involved in counter-terrorism and training of the Afghan military, "but we will not build permanent bases in this country, nor will we

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## Jennie Stuart to change procedures for newborns

BY NICK TABOR  
NEW ERA STAFF WRITER

After 40 weeks in their mothers' wombs, babies born in hospitals usually go to nurseries within 30 minutes to have their temperatures stabilized by radiant warmers.

These environments can be bright and noisy, with a faster pace than the babies are accustomed to, and the newborns only hear strangers' voices echoing around them.

It abruptly interrupts the

neonatal attachment, according to a publication from the newborn intensive care unit at the University of Michigan.

On Mother's Day weekend or soon after, the 44 nurses in Jennie Stuart Medical Center's delivery unit will switch to another method: They'll have mothers hold their newborns to their bodies for an hour after delivery.

State health officials mandate that every delivery unit in

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### WHO WE ARE: Rebecca Miller, 24, Crofton

A constant reader, Rebecca Miller has read the Twilight series five times.

She said she likes books about vampires and also reads the "Vampire Diaries" and other spinoff series.

After watching the television version of the "Vampire Diaries," Miller came to love both the show and the books.

"When I first started watching it, I hated it," Miller re-

called. "But you have to compare them in different ways."

On a typical week, Miller will read three books. She carries at least two books in her purse and regularly reads children's books to her 4-year-



old daughter. The habit seems to have transferred to her daughter.

"The other day, she told me, 'When I get older, I'm going to read just like you,'" Miller said.

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American Legion official visits Oak Grove.

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To Lamb Funeral Home, our sincere thanks for your love, compassion and professionalism during a very difficult time. You met and exceeded our every need. Thanks Dorris for wearing purple in honor of Mom.  
To Western Kentucky Veterans Cemetery, thank you for a wonderful service. The respect, dignity and professionalism was both comforting and inspiring.  
To Terry Jones and Walter Edwards for their comforting words and to Southside for a wonderful meal after the funerals.  
To Bradford Heights and Covington's for your care of Agnes and Barney.  
Thanks to all that came to the visitation, brought food, sent cards, called, sent flowers and remembrances - thank you.  
If we have failed to mention someone, please accept our apology and know your labor of love did not go unnoticed.  
*All our love and thanks,*  
**The Agnes Rogers Family**  
**The Bernard Crunk Family**

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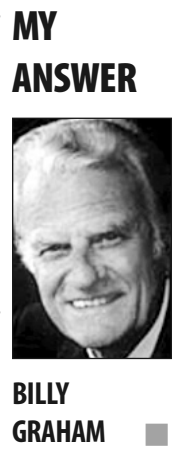
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**Clara Ann Dowdy Sholar**  
Clara Ann Dowdy Sholar, 85, passed away on Saturday, April 28, 2012 in Bowling Green, KY, where she had been living for the past 22 years. She was born in Hopkinsville, KY, on May 26, 1926, and lived for many years raising her family in Owensboro, KY. At the beginning of World War II, while she was working as a telephone operator in Hopkinsville, she had just briefly met her future husband, Allen Hudson Sholar, when he was deployed to war. As he was hopping on the train to leave she handed him a matchbook with her phone number jotted inside. When he returned from his service in Europe, he called her and began a courtship culminating in a love-filled marriage of forty-four years until his death in 1990. While living in Owensboro, Ann and Allen were very active in Walnut Street Baptist Church, where Ann taught Sunday School and Vacation Bible School, and led with her husband in Sunday evening programming for families. After moving to Bowling Green, Ann was active in Eastwood Baptist Church until her health prevented her from attending. She was also active in Bible studies at the Bowling Green Retirement Village where she greatly enjoyed her many friends. She was an avid supporter of the Christian Student Fellowship at Western Kentucky University and "adopted" many of the students as her own. She was a devoted Christian, wife, mother, grandmother and great-grandmother influencing generations and she had a special gift for making acquaintances into friends, and friends into "family". She was a charming story-teller always ready for an adventure and found great joy in her grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Almost everyone who met her was uplifted by her winsomeness, charm, wit, faith, and grace. Ann was preceded in death by her father and mother, Charles Bernice Dowdy Sr. and Mary Elizabeth Keel Dowdy; two brothers, C.B. Dowdy Jr. and Edward B. Dowdy, and a sister, Mary Charlotte Neal. She is survived by her seven children, Michael Sholar (Linda) of Owensboro, KY, Tony Sholar (Linn) of Frankfort, KY, Teresa Stovall (Steve) of Bowling Green, KY, Sue Sholar of Louisville, KY, Daniel Sholar (Jenny) of Frankfort, KY, Tami Shain (Billy) of Owensboro, KY, and Chris Sholar (Vicki) of Clover, SC. She is also survived by fifteen grandchildren and twelve great-grandchildren. The funeral service for Mrs. Sholar, officiated by Myke Templeton, will be at 12:00 p.m. Wednesday in the chapel of Glenn Funeral Home and Crematory, where visitation will be from 5:00 until 8:00 p.m. Tuesday and after 10:00 a.m. Wednesday. Burial will be in Owensboro Memorial Gardens. Expressions of sympathy may take the form of contributions to the Christian Student Fellowship at Western Kentucky University; 1654 Normal St. Bowling Green, KY 42101. Online condolences may be left at www.glennfuneralhome.com.  
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# Even when we ignore Him, God never turns His back

**DEAR REV. GRAHAM:** I believe in God, but I can't say that I think about Him very much. Why should I? After all, I'm not sure He thinks about me very much, either. If He did, I don't think I'd have so many problems. — M. McN.  
**DEAR M. MCN.:** One of the Bible's greatest truths is that God never forgets about us or dismisses us from His mind. We may forget Him — but He never forgets us! Jesus' promise just before He returned to heaven should give us great comfort: "Surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age" (Matthew 28:20). Have you ever asked yourself why you seldom think about God? One reason, I suspect, is because you simply don't feel any need for Him. Even when you're confronted with problems, you assume it must be up to you to solve them, and you never think to turn to Him for the wisdom you need. Nor do you think to turn to Him when you face decisions, seeking His will so you'll know which way to go. But you've indicated that there's another reason you seldom think about God — and that's because you don't believe He thinks about you. But He does — and the reason is because He loves you and cares what is happening to you. How do I know this? I know it because He sent His Son, Jesus Christ, into the world to give His life for you. The Bible says, "This is how we know what love is: Jesus Christ laid down his life for us" (1 John 3:16). Don't ignore God any longer, but turn to Him and by a simple prayer of faith turn your life over to Jesus Christ. It's the most important decision you'll ever make.



**BILLY GRAHAM**

## LOCAL/AREA DEATHS

**IMA MAE DETHRIDGE**  
Ima Mae Settle Dethridge, 77, Elkton, died at 11:20 p.m. Monday, April 30, 2012, at her home of natural causes. Services will be at 2 p.m. Thursday at Latham Funeral Home, Elkton, with the Rev. Ron Noffsinger officiating. Burial will be in Heltsley Cemetery, Clifty. Visitation will be from 5 until 8 tonight at the funeral home. A native of Todd County, she was born Sept. 17, 1934, the daughter of the late Riley and Annie Mae McGehee Borders. She was a member of New Cedar Grove Baptist Church. Her first husband, Boyd Nolen Settle, died in 1985. Survivors include her husband, James M. Dethridge; two sons, Donald Settle, Clifty, and Ricky Settle, Cadiz; a daughter, Donita Brown, Clifty; two sisters, Jewell Griffin, Elkton, and Shirley Millard, Iowa; five grandchildren and four great-grandchildren. Memorials may be made to the building fund at New Cedar Grove Baptist Church, 8668 Greenville Road, Elkton, KY 42220.

**HUBERT E. PANKOP**  
Hubert Edward Pankop, 83, Cadiz, died Monday, April 30, 2012, at Vanderbilt University Medical Center, Nashville, Tenn., following a long illness. A memorial service will be at a later date. King's Funeral Home, Cadiz, is in charge of arrangements. A native of Kendallville, Ind., he was born Dec. 10, 1928, the son of the late Edward Fredrick and Alma Margaret Hoffman Pankop. He was the co-owner and president of Pankop's Hardware Inc., in Kendallville. He was a member of the Lutheran church. His wife, Sharon Dawn Pankop, preceded him in death. Survivors include a son, Larry Dean Pankop, Kendallville; three daughters, Ann Blagdon, Erlanger, Sue Karst, Princeton, and Jane Pankop, Kendallville; a brother, Lawrence Pankop, Kendallville; eight grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.

**ROBERT STUBBLEFIELD**  
Robert Stubblefield, 64, Guthrie, died Monday, April 30, 2012, at Gateway Medical Center, Clarksville, Tenn., of natural causes. Services will be at 2 p.m. Thursday at Cook-Webb Funeral Home, Guthrie, with Dr. Doug Lyon officiating. Burial will follow in Highland Cemetery. Visitation will be from 5 until 7 this evening at the funeral home. A native of Eglin, Fla., he was born Nov. 24, 1947, the son of Elaine Stubblefield, Guthrie, and the late Houston Stubblefield. He was a member of Guthrie United Methodist Church and was active with Guthrie Senior Citizens. His mother survives.

**JO ANNE HILL**  
Jo Anne Hill, 68, Redbud Drive, died at 10:43 p.m. Monday, April 30, 2012, at Jennie Stuart Medical Center following a long illness. Graveside services will be at 10 a.m. Thursday at Peaceful Meadows Cemetery. Hughart and Beard Funeral Home, Hopkinsville, is in charge of arrangements. A native of Poplar Bluff, Mo., she was born July 16, 1943, the daughter of the late Joe R. and Wilma A. Hill. She was a homemaker. There are no immediate survivors. Memorial contributions may be made to the Christian County Humane Society or St. Jude's Children's Hospital.

**SUSAN FRANCIS-POOL**  
Susan Francis-Pool, 87, Wilshire Circle, died at 7:14 a.m. Sunday, April 29, 2012, at her home of natural causes. Services will be at 1 p.m. today at Maddux-Fuqua-Hinton Funeral Home with the Rev. Randall H. Pool officiating. Burial will be at Kentucky Veterans Cemetery-West. Visitation will be from 11 a.m. until time for the service today at the funeral home. A native of Christian County, she was born Oct. 14, 1924, the daughter of the late Thomas and Mary Elizabeth Simmons Crenshaw. She was a payroll clerk for Flynn Enterprises. Survivors include her husband, Herman Morris Pool; three sons, Foster Francis, Gracey, Phillip Francis, Lexington, and Randall Pool, Trenton; two daughters, Lorrie Collier, Owensboro, and Patricia Pool, Hopkinsville; her sister, Mary Emma Thompson, Hopkinsville; 12 grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren. Memorials may be made to the Christian County Dialysis Center, 200 Burley Ave., Hopkinsville KY 42240.

**COY PATTERSON**  
Coy Patterson, 96, Cadiz, died at 1:10 p.m. Sunday, April 29, 2012, at Covington's Convalescent Center of natural causes. Services will be at 1 p.m. Friday at Little River Baptist Church, Cadiz, with the Rev. Perry Greenwade officiating. Burial will be in Patterson's Cemetery. Visitation will be from 11 to 1 p.m. Friday at the church. Gamble Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. A native of Trigg County, he was born Dec. 19, 1915, the son of the late John Patterson Jr. and Maggie Avery Thomas. He had worked for John Dell Builders and was a member of Little River Baptist Church. A sister, Ora Taylor, Louisville, survives.

**ELSEWHERE**  
**BERTHA SHELTON-SWARTZ**  
Bertha Pauline "Polly" Shelton-Swartz, 89, Upper Sandusky, Ohio, died at 9:40 a.m. Sunday, April 29, 2012, at Fairhaven Retirement and Healthcare Community in Upper Sandusky of natural causes. Services will be at 11 a.m. today at Lucas-Batton Funeral Home, Upper Sandusky, with the Rev. Jim Stauffer officiating. Burial will be in Old Mission Cemetery in Upper Sandusky. Visitation will be from 9 this morning until time for the service. A native of Christian County, she was born Aug. 16, 1922, the daughter of the late Ernest S. and Ethel Shrader Shelton. She was a homemaker. Survivors include three daughters, Mrs. Lendsey (Evelyn) Farler, Mrs. Bill (Judy) Heffelfinger and Mrs. Douglas (Mindy) Swartz, all of Upper Sandusky; three brothers, Gene (Muriel) Shelton, Pembroke, Glenn Shelton, Huntsville, Ala., and Douglas (Ann) Shelton, Pembroke; five grandchildren, six stepgrandchildren, 18 great-grandchildren, 17 stepgreat-grandchildren and nine stepgreat-great-grandchildren. Memorials may be made to Angeline School and Industries, Fairhaven Community, 11028 County Highway 44, Upper Sandusky, OH 43351, or to Hospice of Wyandot County, In Care Of Lucas-Batton Funeral Home, 476 S. Sandusky Ave., Upper Sandusky, OH 43351.



**Shelton-Swartz**

**MATTIE DANIEL**  
Mattie "Gladys" Daniel, 84, Wayne, Mich., formerly of Christian County, died Tuesday, April 24, 2012, in Michigan of natural causes. A memorial service was Saturday at Uht Funeral Home, Wayne. The body was cremated. A native of Tennessee, she was born Nov. 8, 1927, the daughter of the late Garrison and Evie Mathis Killebrew. She had worked for Ford Motor Co. and was a homemaker. She was a former member of the Flat Lick Presbyterian Church. Her husband, Lonnie R. Daniel, preceded her in death. Survivors include two sons, James (Gail) Daniel and Ronnie (Jan) Daniel, both of Wayne; two sisters, Martha Warner, Wayne, and Jane Tucker, Hopkinsville; two grandchildren, four great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild.

# Cadiz Merchant's Association asks for assistance for sign maintenance

**BY DENNIS O'NEIL**  
NEW ERA STAFF WRITER  
CADIZ, Ky. — The Cadiz Merchants Association submitted a letter to Cadiz City Council on Monday night requesting that the city inherit the cost of maintaining five signs around western Kentucky that direct motorists to the city. Jim Manning, a local business owner and member of the merchants association, read the letter during the council's meeting. Many local businesses endorsed the letter, which requests that the city make the cost of the signs part of its tourism budget. Manning emphasized the importance of tourism to the city's economy and thinks the signs are a major asset in directing tourists to Cadiz. "If people don't know where we are, they aren't going to visit," Manning told the council. "Visits translate to revenue. The loss in these signs will decrease the number of people visiting our city and jacking money into our local economy." Manning said seven businesses in the merchants association have been paying to maintain the signs. One sign sits along Interstate 24 just after Exit 1 and costs the businesses \$8,400 per year to maintain. The other four are smaller state signs and cost \$1,600 altogether per year to maintain. Several business owners supporting the signs' maintenance also attended the meeting. The businesses pay a monthly fee on the sign and Manning said they only have enough money to pay through June 10. Manning plans on requesting funding from Trigg County at the Trigg Fiscal Court meeting May 7. While the council took no action on Manning's request, Cadiz Mayor Lyn Bailey anticipates there will be some action in the next month or so to ensure the signs' maintenance. "Those signs help everybody from the time (motorists) turn off out there," Bailey said. "We need to keep the signs." In other business, the council approved a proposal from the Tennessee Valley Authority to replace light fixtures in five city-owned buildings, including the police department, fire department and water plant. A report from TVA estimates the overall project will cost more than \$6,700, though it also estimates the city will save money over time on energy costs. The council approved the second reading of a city budget for fiscal year 2012-13.

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**LOCAL BRIEF**  
**Oak Grove passes storm water fee**  
The Oak Grove City Council on Tuesday passed the first reading of an ordinance that would allow the city to add a storm water management fee to residents' utility bills. The ordinance passed 3-2 with council members Bobby Combs, James McKnight and Randy Pierce voting in favor and council members Bea Burt and Tim Johnson voting against. Council member Janet Edwards was not at the meeting. The ordinance would charge \$3 per month for single-family residences and \$3 per unit for non-single-family properties. The fees would go to a storm water management fund that would pay for a stormwater quality program, which the city is mandated to develop.



# Elkton approves water lines separation plan

BY DENNIS O'NEIL  
NEW ERA STAFF WRITER

Elkton City Council approved a proposal to separate city water lines from those owned by the Todd County Water District during a special meeting Monday night.

Terry Frogue, utilities director for Elkton, said the proposal is more or less the same one brought before council on April 9.

The proposal outlines the transfer of ownership for several water lines between the city and the water district.

It also stipulates that, in the future, the city will claim development rights to eight property areas bordering city

limits should those areas require water service.

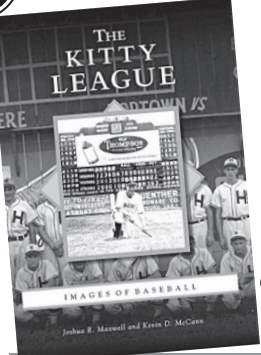
The proposal also calls for two water meters to be installed by the water district at city lines that receive water from TCWD lines. The water district plans to cover the cost of the meters and monitor them over time.

Originally, the water district asked to receive a 15 percent share of all revenue from the lines. Since April 9 though, the proposal has been revised and currently doesn't specify a share for the water district. Under the revised proposal, the city would pay a fee on the meters that would be determined by the Public Service Commission for Water.

Council members approved the proposal and agreed to forward it to the water district. Frogue said that, at one time, both city lines and TCWD lines were supervised by one superintendent. As TCWD has grown, it has installed water lines around the city limits that have mixed with city lines. When leaks occur, Frogue said, there has been confusion over whose responsibility it is to fix them.

Frogue has been negotiating the lines' separation between the water district and the city for the past two years.

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# HMS student arrested for allegedly calling in bomb threat

FROM NEW ERA STAFF REPORTS

A 12-year-old student at Hopkinsville Middle School was arrested Tuesday morning for allegedly calling in a school bomb threat, according to a Hopkinsville police report.

The juvenile called two HMS office phones Saturday morning and left voice-mails saying a bomb would go off at 10:30 a.m. Monday, police said. Administrators listened to the messages Monday morning and evacuated the students to the

Hopkinsville High School auditorium.

Police searched the school and found nothing. A second search was conducted by school staff, who also found nothing, according to the report.

Detectives tracked the

phone number back to the 12-year-old girl who allegedly admitted to making the calls, according to the report.

She was arrested at HMS at 10:30 a.m. and charged with first-degree terroristic threatening.

## OUT 'N' ABOUT

### TODAY

**Fort Campbell ACAP**, 5661 Screaming Eagle Blvd, Fort Campbell, is hosting multiple companies that are hiring from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on May 2-3. On Wednesday there will be representatives from Garland Nissan of Hopkinsville, Averitt Trucking and First Response. On Thursday there will be representatives from AFLAC. To view all of ACAP's upcoming classes and Employer Day events, visit [www.facebook.com/FortCampbellACAP](http://www.facebook.com/FortCampbellACAP) or call 270-798-5000.

### THURSDAY

**Todd County Community Alliance** will present the second annual Todd County Eggstravaganza from May 3-5, beginning with a parade at 3 p.m. at the old Elkton Die Cast property. The final event will begin at 6 p.m. May 5 and will include a concert and drive-in movie. For more information, vendor and pet registration forms, call 270-265-7070 or visit [www.toddcountyca.org](http://www.toddcountyca.org).

**WNKJ Christian Radio**

will host a Spring Family Prayer Day from 6 a.m. - 9 p.m. at 1100 E. 18th St. Listeners should come in or call with prayer requests and or answers. Tours and refreshments are available. For more information, call 270-886-9655 or 877-885-9655 or visit [www.wnkj.org](http://www.wnkj.org).

**Care Giver Support Group** at 5 p.m. at First United Methodist Church. For more information, contact 270-707-1760 or [sbturner@gmail.com](mailto:sbturner@gmail.com)

### FRIDAY

**The Trigg County Hospital Auxiliary** will have its annual Spring Fling sale from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Trigg County Hospital. This event will feature items from the Gift Box, Silver Chicks Jewelry, The Scrub Store, Scentsy Wickless Candles and purses from Gail Ricks. There will also be a bake sale.

**ITEMS WILL RUN REGULARLY** each Monday, Wednesday and Saturday in Out 'N' About. To help us help you, please submit your announcement at least a week before the day it will be published. If you have questions, call 270-887-3241.

## IN BRIEF

### AGENDA

The Kentucky Open Meetings Law applies to the following local meetings:

#### THURSDAY

**Caldwell County Board of Education**, 7 p.m., superintendent's office, special meeting for budget work, superintendent evaluation and custodial bids.

**Christian County Water District Board of Commissioners**, 7 p.m., district office, 1940 Dawson Springs Road.

### LAKE LEVELS

**Kentucky Lake and Barkley Lake Elevation**, last updated at 7 p.m. Tuesday, **Kentucky Lake**, **Upper Stage**, 356.4; **Normal Stage**, 359; **Lower Stage**, 301.2. **Lake Barkley**, **Upper Stage**, 356.5; **Normal Stage**, 359; **Lower Stage**, 304.7.

**Water Temperatures**, **Kentucky Lake**, 68 degrees; **Kentucky Dam**, 68 degrees; **Barkley Dam**, 68 degrees; **Normal Temperature**, 68 degrees.

Source: Explore Kentucky Lake.

### PRECIPITATION

**Christian County Daily Pre-**

**ipitation** (inches): **Saturday**, 0.00; **Sunday**, 0.00; **Monday**, 0.32. **Month to date**, 0.00; **Year to date**, 11.52.

Source: Kentucky Mesonet.

### LOTTERY

#### Kentucky

LOUISVILLE, Ky. (AP) — These Kentucky lotteries were drawn Tuesday:

5 Card Cash: AS-2C-2D-8H-3S  
Mega Millions: 24-27-31-45-52, Mega Ball: 38  
Megaplier: 4  
Pick 3 Midday: 8-8-4  
Pick 4 Midday: 6-8-6-1

#### Tennessee

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — These Tennessee lotteries were drawn Tuesday:

Cash 3 Evening: 5-4-6,  
Lucky Sum: 15  
Cash 3 Midday: 2-5-5,  
Lucky Sum: 12  
Cash 4 Evening: 8-0-3-7,  
Lucky Sum: 18  
Cash 4 Midday: 0-3-6-1,  
Lucky Sum: 10

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# FAMILIAR NAME FAMILIAR FACES NEW LOCATION



**Save-More Drugs to open soon at 2208 Fort Campbell Blvd., Hopkinsville. Employees standing from the left are: Peggy Gibson, Karen Moore, Shirley Good, Jackie Strickland, RPH; Scott Ross, RPH, Ashley Ross, Reed Ginn, RPH; and Patti Crunk**

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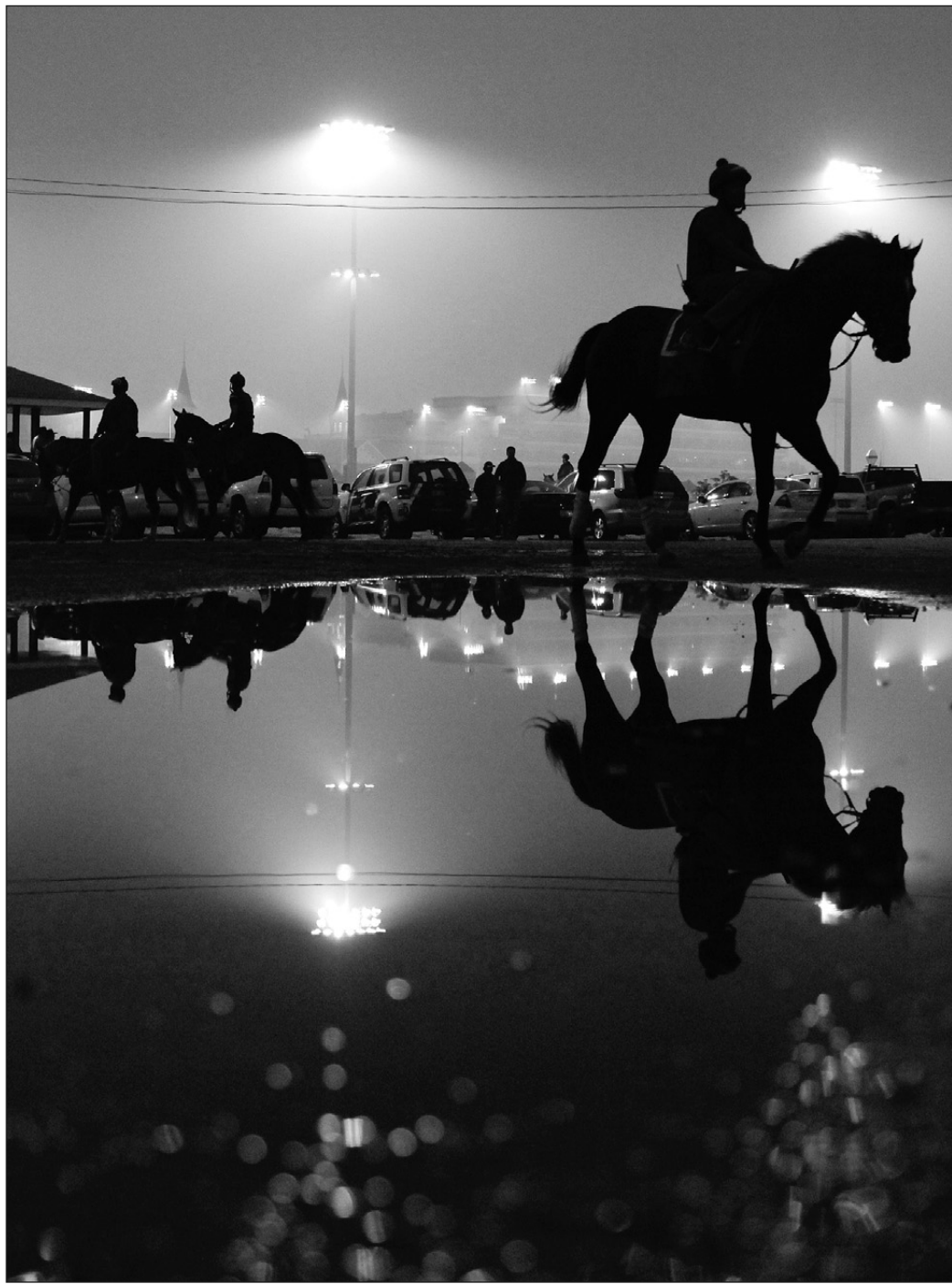
# OPENING SOON



## Early to rise

An exercise rider walks a horse off the track Tuesday at Churchill Downs, in Louisville, after a morning workout.

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## Lawmakers: US Census shorts military populace

BY CARLA JIMENEZ  
NEW ERA STAFF WRITER

Kentucky lawmakers hope to change how the U.S. census counts service members.

Sen. Rand Paul, R-Ky., along with Rep. Ed Whitfield, R-Ky. and Rep. Brett Guthrie, R-Ky., introduced the Services Members and Communities Act of 2012 in both houses of Congress last week. The proposal would allow deployed service members to be counted in the communities in which their permanent duty station or home is located on the date of the census.

Under current policy, the U.S. Census Bureau automatically counts deployed service men and women at the address given at the time of enlistment. If sailors and some members of the Marine Corps are deployed on a U.S. naval vessel, the census counts them from their ship's home port, which



Paul



Whitfield



Guthrie

may not be the same city where those sailors and Marines were stationed.

According to Carter Hendricks, president of the Christian County Chamber of Commerce, this has led to an inaccurate count for communities surrounding military posts.

"As we were looking at the 2010 census, we recognized very quickly that we had about 10,000 soldiers deployed," Hendricks said. "And most, if not all, of those soldiers were listed somewhere else. When we became aware of that issue, we started looking into it."

Once the chamber recognized the disparity, Christian County officials, in partnership with the Clarksville Chamber of Commerce, lobbied to get the policy changed.

Sen. Paul heard about the issue and agreed that changes were needed.

"It's been a longstanding policy," Paul said. "It's been a while since we've had so many soldiers deployed during a census. And this time it made quite a bit of difference because all of our soldiers that were overseas weren't counted in Hopkinsville, and they were counted, I guess presumably, where they originally started their career or where they're from."

SEE MILITARY, PAGE A5

### CRIME STOPPERS

#### Police search for suspect in Campbell Street shooting

After interviewing witnesses, police have a rough description of a man who shot 27-year-old Javon Radford Sunday night on South Campbell Street, according to a Hopkinsville-Christian County Crime Stoppers Crime of the Week release.

The shooter is described as a young man, between 5 feet, 8 inches and 5 foot, 10 inches tall with a thin build. Police believe the shooting was premeditated because the shooter stood over Radford when he was shot, according to the release.

Anyone with information is asked to call the Crime Stoppers tip-line at 270-887-8477. Information leading to an arrest could lead to a cash reward. Callers can remain anonymous and do not have to appear in court.

Visit Hopkinsville-Christian County Crime Stoppers on Facebook and choose "Like" to receive updates on wanted fugitives.

—From New Era staff reports

### CRIME

#### Man accused of armed robbery

BY BENJAMIN JOUBERT  
NEW ERA STAFF WRITER

Police arrested an Oak Grove man after he allegedly robbed a Fort Campbell business at gunpoint, according to a Clarksville police news release.

On April 30, a man entered a Dollar General in Clarksville, Tenn., pulled out a .40 Glock and demanded money, police said. Three clerks opened the cash registers and gave the man money, which he shoved into his pockets, according to the release.

The man then took the women's IDs and fled the store. Police later identified Ryan A. Hart, 25, as the robber and found him at his Oak Grove address. He allegedly admitted to the crime and told police that the gun and money were



Hart

SEE CRIME, PAGE A5

## American Legion commander visits Oak Grove for first time

BY DAVID SNOW  
FOR THE NEW ERA

Fang Wong, national commander for the American Legion, stopped by American Legion Post 233 on Tuesday in Oak Grove. The visit marked the first time the national commander has been to the Oak Grove post.

"We have some big challenges with the return of soldiers," he said. "We sense that it is a big challenge for the communities, for the whole nation, as to how to take care of them, how to find jobs for them, how to get them back with their families and reintroduced into the communities."

During his visit, Wong also touched on the topic of defense spending cuts. He said that upcoming cuts are of great concern to American Legion members.

"We are concerned about any other future cuts that may reduce the level of support for service to the veterans, especially the young ones," he said.

Wong added that there is still much to learn about younger veterans who suffer from post-traumatic stress disorder or traumatic brain injuries, the most common types of injuries coming out of the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan.

"We are still in the early stages



DAVID SNOW | FOR THE NEW ERA  
American Legion National Commander Fang Wong shakes hands with Auxiliary Department President Lois Hall on Tuesday at American Legion Post 233 in Oak Grove.

of trying to find out everything we need to know about treatment and so on," he said. "We are also struggling right now with finding enough mental health professionals to help them ... It's a big challenge."

Post 233 Commander A.J. Murdock was proud to have the national commander visit the Oak Grove post.

"This is a big gala event for us," he said. "He is making the

tour through Kentucky, and we're really elated to have him."

Wong was scheduled to attend a dinner at Legion Post No. 6 in Madisonville on Tuesday night, then visit the Western Kentucky Veterans Center in Hanson before going to see the Healing Field in Lawrenceburg.

DAVID SNOW is the editor of The Eagle Post of Oak Grove. Reach David at 270-887-3295 or dsnow@theeaglepost.us.

### LOCAL BRIEFS

#### New spans being constructed for Eggner's Ferry Bridge

Structural steel for the new span of Eggner's Ferry Bridge is being assembled at the Lyon County Riverport at Eddyville. After assembly of the steel is complete, it will be lifted onto a barge to be transported to the bridge site and placed on the existing piers.

Hall Contracting, the company hired to replace the span, hopes to have the span ready to transport to the bridge site by next week.

#### Pennyrile Marine detachment establishes scholarship fund

The Marine Corps League Pennyrile Detachment 1150 recently established a scholarship fund to assist high school graduates with their first year of college tuition.

Applicants to the program must be a child or grandchild of a Marine past or present. They must also show proof of acceptance into a college of their choice.

After being approved by the detachment, a student will be notified of their acceptance by June 15. Applicants should send all documents to Thomas Shehan, 7680 Mount Zoar Road, Hopkinsville, KY 42240.

#### "The Kitty League" book signing set for Friday at historical society

The authors of "The Kitty League," a book that revisits the history of minor league baseball in Hopkinsville and the surrounding region, will be at the Christian County Historical Society, 306 E. Ninth St., from 4 to 7 p.m. Friday to sign copies of their new book.

The book by Josh Maxwell and Kevin McCann explores the history of the Hoptown Hoppers, one of the original teams to play in the league. For more information, call the historical society at 270-887-8365.

SEE BRIEFS, PAGE A5

## City talks smoking ban, vacation time

BY CARLA JIMENEZ  
NEW ERA STAFF WRITER

The proposed city smoking ban wasn't officially on the agenda for the city council meeting — but that didn't stop it from making an appearance.

The Rev. C.E. Timberlake, of First Street Baptist Church, gave the invocation at Tuesday evening's meeting. He also stepped up to the microphone during the time set aside for public comments to address the council about the smoking ban.

"It is uncomfortable, especially for those who have respiratory problems and other health problems to have to eat in that kind of environment," he said of restaurants that allow smoking.

Timberlake emphasized that the smoking ban was not just an economic issue, but also a health issue.

"I know there are those who say, 'Well I have a right to light up wherever I please.' Well, maybe you do, but don't we have a right to eat wherever we choose in a nonsmoking environment?" he said.

Councilman Jimmy Dossett also brought up the smoking ban during council member comments. Dossett thanked the voters and concerned citizens who had been calling and emailing him about the smoking ban.

According to a previous New Era report, the smoking ban will be on the agenda May 17 for the Committee of the Whole meeting.

Also at the city council meeting, the council unanimously passed an amendment to change the policy for selling vacation time. City employees can now sell up to three weeks of unused vacation back to the city for the salary they would have earned.

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## COMMODE FOR COMBATING CANCER

# Wacky fundraising method to benefit cancer society

BY TOM KANE  
NEW ERA PHOTOJOURNALIST

Christian Judge-Executive Steve Tribble found a purple commode on the lawn of the Chapel of Love, by the old courthouse, Tuesday morning.

Having it removed cost him.

The purple potty was placed there by the Christian County Relay for Life Committee. The fee for having it removed was \$25, and Tribble also bought an insurance policy guaranteeing that it will never return for an additional \$50.

The traveling purple potty is a fundraising event created to raise money for the American Cancer Society and is to be given and received in good humor. This wacky fundraiser will be going on throughout May.

Anyone interested in participating can have the commode placed in a friend's or neighbor's yard for a \$25 donation.

Edith Marcum, who helped organize the fundraiser, said an ounce of planning can be worth a pound of cure, so people worried about having the potty placed in their yard should buy commode insurance today.

Also, people can contribute by buying a luminaria or a lantern of love to be placed along the course of the Relay for Life, which is in its 20th year. A luminaria is a brown bag, weighted down by sand, with a candle while a Lantern of Love is an actual lantern.

A luminaria requires a \$5 donation. The donation for a lantern is \$30. People can also purchase an ad in the Relay for Life



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**Christian Judge-Executive Steve Tribble paid \$25 to have a purple toilet removed from the Chapel of Love's front lawn on Tuesday and another \$50 to make sure it doesn't return. The commode was put there by the Christian County Relay for Life Committee to raise money for the American Cancer Society.**

program for \$25 to \$100. For more information about making a donation, placing an ad or participating in the purple potty fundraiser, call Marcum at 270-881-7948.

REACH TOM KANE at 270-887-3238  
or tkane@kentuckynewera.com.

## Todd government alters employee pay, benefits

BY NICK TABOR  
NEW ERA STAFF WRITER

After Todd County employees have worked their positions for a year, they get 11.5 paid holidays, 12 sick days and 12 vacation days. Judge-Executive Daryl Greenfield believes some of them often use sick days as vacation days.

Greenfield wants to give a raise to all county employees: 75 cents an hour for all full-timers and 50 or 75 cents to part-timers. At a special-called meeting on Tuesday night, he proposed slashing vacation and sick days to help fund the raise.

The fiscal court unanimously agreed. First-year employees will now get six sick days and six vacation days. Employees of five to nine years will get 12 vacation days instead of 15. Employees of 10 years or more would get 18. Employees of 15 years or more currently get 21 days, but the county will eliminate this bracket.

Assuming the fiscal court approves the raise, this will mean spending an extra \$25,000 to \$50,000 on employee pay and benefits. Greenfield estimates the total at \$47,000.

Nevertheless, he expressed

nervousness after Tuesday night's meeting at how the workforce will respond.

"I'd take it in a heartbeat if I was there, but I look at things differently sometimes," Greenfield said.

The county government did not announce the proposal to its employees in any formal way, let alone poll them, before voting on the measure. However, the department heads mostly supported it, Greenfield told the county magistrates.

In the agenda it sent to local media before the meeting, the county government noted that it would discuss the administrative code related to sick and vacation days, but the agenda did not say the fiscal court would vote on an amendment.

Greenfield said county employees often leave after a year, and the county has to pay them \$1,400 to \$1,600 for the sick and vacation days they accrued.

"It just don't make no sense," he said to the magistrates. "When I first took office, that was one of the first checks I wrote, and I thought, 'Why the heck are we doing this?'"

All the money it will now save from that expense will

instead go toward employees still on the payroll, Greenfield said. Treasurer Tammy Robertson warned the magistrates on Tuesday that if they tabled the motion until the next meeting, employees who heard about it in the meantime might quit abruptly to get paid for the sick and vacation days they've accrued.

"If you're going to do this, you need to run with it now, before anybody decides to cash in," Robertson said.

During the rest of Tuesday's special-called meeting, the magistrates reviewed a draft of the 2012-13 budget. The budget anticipates \$6,169,570 in total revenue and \$6,183,636 in expenses. Robertson said these estimates are rough, and she needs to tweak a few areas to make the budget solvent.

The budget involves modifications here and there from last year's. Most changes are slight: \$1,000 for Project Graduation, an extra \$2,000 for diesel for county vehicles.

The additional cost of \$25,000 to \$50,000 for employee raises would come from a contingency fund, Robertson said. After the court approves it, the new budget will take effect July 1.

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# AUDIT: State audit reflects poorly on former state official

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because of the alleged abuses at the state agency he was twice elected to oversee. State Auditor Adam Edelen released findings Monday from a government review that painted an ugly picture of Farmer's tenure and could lead to a criminal investigation.

"The responsibility of holding accountable a man I once cheered as a kid is a grim one," Edelen told reporters. "But the law makes no distinction between icons and the rest of us, and neither do I."

Supporters feel that Farmer, a Republican, was being attacked. Two-time Republican gubernatorial candidate Larry Forgy insisted the review was done for political reasons by a Democratic state auditor.

"It looks like to me they think there's still some life left in Richie, and they want to squeeze it out," Forgy said.

His former coach, Rick Pitino, said he knows nothing about the accusations, but

otherwise defended him during a press conference Monday at his current school, the University of Louisville.

"I love Richie Farmer, always will love Richie Farmer," Pitino said. "He can do no wrong in my eyes. So I don't know what you're talking about. And if he did something wrong, I'll pray for him."

Edelen turned the audit report over to Attorney General Jack Conway, who will decide whether a criminal investigation is warranted. A spokesman would say only that it's under review.

Farmer had been a rising star within the Kentucky GOP until last year's unsuccessful run for lieutenant governor on a ticket with Republican state Senate President David Williams. They lost overwhelmingly to incumbent Democratic Gov. Steve Beshear, in part because of the brewing scandal.

Farmer's wife filed for divorce early in that failed campaign, saying only that their marriage had been irretrievably broken. Before the campaign, or marriage, had concluded, Farmer had put his

girlfriend on his agency's payroll. The election was just 10 days past when the Louisville newspaper, The Courier-Journal, reported the hiring of the girlfriend.

Farmer could also face administrative sanctions for failing to publicly disclose gifts received while he was agriculture commissioner.

His attorney, Guthrie True, said Farmer's standing as an athlete meant he often received the gifts cited by auditors ranging from sweat suits to a free load of concrete to build a basketball court at his Frankfort home. Edelen said that is among the perks that should have been disclosed on reports that all elected officials have to file.

True said Farmer received the perks mentioned in the audit because of his status as a basketball icon, not as a politician. But Edelen said the "volume and recklessness of the abuses shock the conscience."

"The former commissioner had state employees on state time take him hunting and shopping, build a basketball

court in his backyard, mow his lawn and even chauffeur his dog," Edelen said.

The investigators cited "an extravagant conference" hosted by Farmer that cost Kentucky taxpayers more than \$96,000. They said Farmer directed his staff to order lavish gifts, including rifles, cigar boxes and watches for the conference.

But investigators said Farmer took most of the items home after the conference, including 13 rifles, seven of which he later returned to the state.

Edelen said the agency purchased two 60-inch televisions and wall brackets for \$4,192. One was mounted in a conference room and the other in Farmer's office. Edelen said the state paid \$60 to expedite shipping so the TVs would be in place for Farmer to watch the NCAA basketball tournament.

True said Farmer is "elated" to have the audit behind him. True said he expects no criminal charges, but he said some of the allegations could end up with a state commission that decides on administrative sanctions.

## HOSPITAL: JSMC to revise infant procedure

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Kentucky start using this approach between June 1 and July 1, said Denise Barbier, who coordinates the program at the University of Louisville hospital.

Between October and January, the university's personnel trained nurses at every hospital in the state, Barbier said. They also created DVDs and a CD-ROM for health professionals and parents of newborns to outline the procedures.

Studies show this approach, in addition to increasing the child's comfort, lowers the amount of cortisol, a hormone, in both the child and the mother. The reduced level of cortisone in turn lowers stress levels and promotes a better long-term relationship between parent and child, Rush said.

Medical professionals hope the statewide initiative will lower Kentucky's rates of child abuse. According to 2009 data from the U.S. Census Bureau, Kentucky ranked 13th nationwide in its number of child victims.

The new procedure is widely known as "kangaroo care." A doctor in Bogota, Colombia, began promoting it in 1978 to alleviate the shortage of caregivers and resources, according to the University of Michigan publication.

In this method, immediately after delivery, nurses dry the baby off while he or she lies on the mother's body. Then nurses turn the

baby to face his or her mother, open the mother's shirt, and have the two lie with their skin touching.

"The baby will be in sync with the mother in everything they do," Rush explained.

The baby's temperature stabilizes while it lies with the mother. If the mother cannot do this for any reason, nurses put the baby on the father's bare chest.

Jennie Stuart nurses will not encourage other family members to enter the delivery room during these first couple hours.

"They can, but we kind of want this to be their time," said Janice Johnson, nurse manager.

Women typically stay in the hospital 48 hours after giving birth, Rush said. Jennie Stuart's delivery floor will soon institute quiet time from 2 to 4 p.m. every day for parents of newborns to be alone with their children.

Studies show a broad array of benefits from this procedure, Rush said.

First, lowering the cortisol hormone can have short-term benefits, such as causing the baby to cry less, but as the child grows up, it can also have fewer blood-sugar problems and better problem-solving skills and night vision, Rush said.

Reducing this hormone in the parent can make the parent calmer and more patient, Rush said.

Second, skin-to-skin contact can increase bonding hormones and make the parent want to nurture and

love the child, Rush said.

Finally, the University of Louisville reported that, after it used kangaroo care for about three years, nearly 25 percent more women were breastfeeding their children. Breastfeeding is healthier than bottle-feeding for both the mother and child, Rush said.

A federal study ranked Kentucky 47th in the nation for the percentage of women who breastfed their babies, Barbier said. This initiative could boost its standing.

As of Monday, one new mother at Jennie Stuart had already used kangaroo care, and another preparing to give birth had requested it, Johnson said. The nurses will make the transition gradually through the end of May.

Jennie Stuart's staff delivers an average of 900 babies a year, Johnson said.

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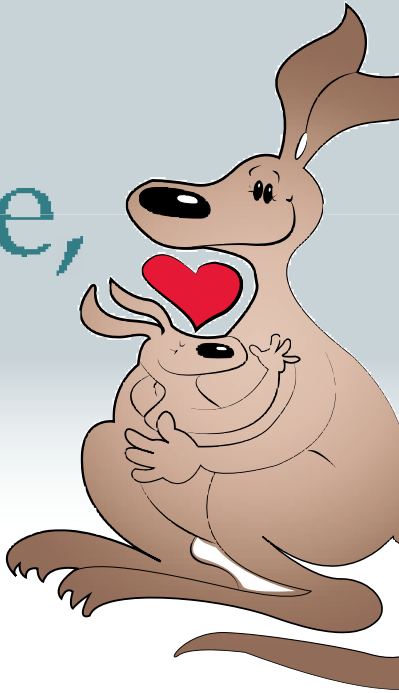
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## Learn about Kangaroo Care, other topics



**A new educational program encouraging skin-to-skin contact between parents and their newborns is now offered at Jennie Stuart Medical Center.**

Registered nurses at the hospital have been trained as community educators in the Kangaroo Care initiative and are planning two free lectures on the program the weeks before and after Mother's Day:

**Tuesday, May 8, 6 p.m.**  
**at the Christian County Health Department.**

**Thursday, May 17, 5-7 p.m.**  
**at the "World's Greatest Baby Shower," at Hopkinsville Community College.**

For more information, call (270) 887-0330.

**Another new program is a sleep apnea screening** to help people understand the causes of breathing cessation during sleep and appropriate treatments. Staff from JSMC's Sleep and Neurodiagnostic Center will hold the screenings on:

**Friday, May 11, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.**

**Friday, May 18, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.**

The screenings will be held at the Sleep Center, 1st floor of the Doctors Pavilion at JSMC. For more information, call (270) 887-6883.

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## OBAMA: President visits Afghanistan

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be patrolling its cities and mountains."

The president landed in Bagram in darkness, and his helicopter roared to Kabul for the meeting with Karzai, under close guard with only the outlines of the nearby mountains visible. Later, back at the base, he was surrounded by U.S. troops, shaking every hand. He ended his lightning visit with the speech delivered straight to the television camera — and the voters he was trying to reach back home.

Two armored troop carriers served as a backdrop, rather than the customary Oval Office tableau.

His Republican re-election foe, Mitt Romney, was in New York, where the destruction of the Twin Towers on Sept. 11, 2001, set in motion the decisions that led to the wars in both Iraq and Afghanistan.

Romney accused Obama of politicizing the fleeting national unity that came with the death of bin Laden, the 9/11 terror mastermind.

At the air base, Obama said, "This time of war began in Afghanistan, and this is where it will end. ... With faith in each other, and our eyes fixed on the future, let us finish the work at hand and forge a just and lasting peace."

Earlier, he delivered a similarly upbeat message to the troops. Noting their sacrifice, he said, "There's a light on the horizon."

It was Obama's fourth trip to Afghanistan, his

third as commander in chief. He was less than seven hours on the ground in all. He also visited troops at a hospital at the Bagram base, awarding 10 Purple Hearts.

According to the Pentagon, more than 1,800 American troops have been killed across more than a decade of war in Afghanistan.

Some 88,000 remain stationed there.

The wars here and in Iraq combined have cost almost \$1.3 trillion. And recent polls show that up to 60 percent of Americans oppose the continued U.S. presence in Afghanistan.

In his speech to the nation, Obama said, "I recognize many Americans are tired of war."

He said that last year, "we removed 10,000 U.S. troops from Afghanistan. Another 23,000 will leave by the end of the summer. After that, reductions will continue at a steady pace, with more of our troops coming home. And as our coalition agreed, by the end of 2014 the Afghans will be fully responsible for the security of their country."

Without mentioning the political campaign back home, Obama claimed that on his watch the fortunes of the terrorists have suffered mightily.

Over the past three years "the tide has turned. We broke the Taliban's momentum. We've built strong Afghan security forces. We devastated al-Qaida's leadership, taking out over 20 of their top 30 leaders," he said.

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# Wells resigns at HHS

## Lady Tigers' coach seeks more family time

BY JOE WILSON  
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Less than two months after guiding the Hopkinsville Lady Tigers to their first Region 2 basketball championship, Dr. Tonya Wells turned in her resignation to high school officials.

Wells told the Kentucky New Era Tuesday morning that she had been contemplating the decision since the end of the season.

"It's not a decision I took lightly," she said. "This was for my family. I have a niece and nephew in Indiana who I want to see and it's also for my immediate family. It was just a tough decision."

Wells said she told the team Monday after school.

"Any time you have a decision like this some of

them are going to be hurt and I'm sorry about that, but this is a decision I have to make for me," she said.

Wells took over the Hopkinsville program in 2005 from Richard Hopper, who had led the team to a 12-42 record in two seasons. Wells coached the team to a 123-76 record in seven seasons. Her only two losing seasons came in her first two years.

"Since I've known her she's handled herself with class," Hoptown Athletic Director Keith Kelley said. "She did an outstanding job with the girls this year and she has consistently gotten better every year she has been the coach."

Hoptown recorded its most successful girls' basketball season in school history in 2011-12 with a 32-

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# Soldo chosen for Kentucky team

BY JOE WILSON  
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Hopkinsville High School basketball player Christy Soldo has been selected to play for the Kentucky All-Star team against the Indiana All-Stars next month.

Soldo, who will be playing for Murray State University this fall, and the Kentucky team will play Indiana June 8 at Freedom Hall in Louisville and June 9 at Banker's Life Fieldhouse in Indianapolis.

Louisville DuPont Manual coach Stacy Pendleton will coach the Kentucky team this season.

Soldo is the first Lady Tiger to be selected to the team, coach Dr. Tonya Wells said.

"I am very happy for Christy to get this opportunity," said Wells, who announced she was resigning as the Lady Tigers' coach on Monday.

Soldo averaged 18.9 points and 9.5 rebounds for Hopkinsville this season. She was named The Associated Press Honorable Mention All-State.

No western Kentucky players were selected to play for the Kentucky boys' all-star team.

Other girls' players included Miss Basketball Sydney Moss (Boone County), Manual's Lauren Bodine, April Wilson, Kara Wright and Leasia Wright, Marion County's (Bre Elder, Mercy's Christine Roush and Courtney Roush, Green County's Micah Jones, Perry County Central's Kendall Noble and South Oldham's Jasmine Whitfield.

The boys' team includes Mr. Basketball Nathan Dieudonne (Trinity) and his teammate Charles Foster, Buckhorn's Matt Day, Woodford County's Jay Johnson, Logan County's Twin Lancaster, Scott County's Tamron Manning, Perry County Central's Jaysean Paige, George Rogers Clark's Alan Bopper, Pleasure Ridge Park's Jeril Taylor, Fairview's Mike Terry, Rowan County's D.J. Townsend and Adam Wing and Moore's Mekale McKay.

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Hopkinsville High School's Christy Soldo has been selected to play for the Kentucky All-Star team next month against the Indiana All-Stars.

# Jones pulls Mark Valeski from Derby

FROM NEW ERA STAFF AND WIRE REPORTS

LOUISVILLE, Ky. (AP) — Trainer Larry Jones will not have a horse in Saturday's Kentucky Derby.

Jones, a Hopkinsville native, says Mark Valeski will not run in Derby, clearing the way for D. Wayne Lukas' Optimizer to join the 20-horse field.

Jones says the horse that's named for a friend of owner and former Kentucky Gov. Brereton Jones wasn't training well enough to win. Larry Jones says he felt the bay colt was Derby quality, but he wouldn't be ready for Saturday's race.

"We really were looking for a 'wow' work and we don't think Mark gave us that feeling," Jones said. "When you go in, you've got to be ready to tackle the bears. This is the Derby."

Mark Valeski was 19th on the graded stakes earnings list with \$260,000 and had finished second in both the Risen Star Stakes and the Louisiana Derby at Fair Grounds in New Orleans. Jones said he'll next run at the Peter Pan Stakes at Belmont Park and could run in the Belmont Stakes after that.

"We want other things from Mark down the road," Jones said. "Two weeks from now we may have that Derby horse and he may still show up at the Belmont. It's just not worth it right now. I think he's going to get better."

Jones had Derby runner-ups in 2007 with Hard Spun and in 2008 with Eight Belles, who suffered an injury just after finishing and had to be euthanized on the track.

In addition, Jones trained 2008 Kentucky Oaks winner Proud Spell.



Jones

# Titans Caravan stops in Hoptown

BY KEITH JENKINS  
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Tennessee Titans quarterback Matt Hasselbeck signs a football for a fan Monday night at O'Charley's in Hopkinsville. Hasselbeck was part of the Titans Caravan that visited Hopkinsville and several other cities in Kentucky and Tennessee on Monday.

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### TOP SCORES

PREP Softball	PREP Baseball
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SCOREBOARD

NBA

<b>Daily Playoff Glance</b> <b>All Times CDT</b> <b>(x-if necessary)</b> <b>FIRST ROUND</b> <b>(Best-of-7)</b> <b>Saturday, April 28</b> Chicago 103, Philadelphia 91 Miami 100, New York 67 Orlando 81, Indiana 77 Oklahoma City 99, Dallas 98 <b>Sunday, April 29</b> San Antonio 106, Utah 91, San Antonio leads series 1-0 L.A. Lakers 103, Denver 88, L.A. Lakers lead series 1-0 Atlanta 83, Boston 74 L.A. Clippers 99, Memphis 98, L.A. Clippers lead series 1-0 <b>Monday, April 30</b> Miami 104, New York 94, Miami leads series 2-0 Indiana 93, Orlando 78, series tied 1-1 Oklahoma City 102, Dallas 99, Oklahoma City leads series 2-0 <b>Tuesday, May 1</b> Boston 87, Atlanta 80, series tied 1-1 Philadelphia 109, Chicago 92, series tied 1-1 Denver at L.A. Lakers, 9:30 p.m. <b>Today</b> Utah at San Antonio, 6 p.m. Indiana at Orlando, 6:30 p.m. L.A. Clippers at Memphis, 8:30 p.m.	
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BASEBALL

<b>American League</b> <b>At A Glance</b> <b>All Times CDT</b> <b>East Division</b> <b>W L Pct GB</b> Tampa Bay 16 8 .667 — Baltimore 15 9 .625 1 New York 13 10 .565 2 1/2 Toronto 13 11 .542 3 Boston 11 12 .478 4 1/2 <b>Central Division</b> <b>W L Pct GB</b> Cleveland 11 9 .550 — Detroit 12 11 .522 1/2 Chicago 11 11 .500 1 Kansas City 6 16 .273 6 Minnesota 6 16 .273 6 <b>West Division</b> <b>W L Pct GB</b> Texas 17 7 .708 — Oakland 12 13 .480 5 1/2 Seattle 11 14 .440 6 1/2 Los Angeles 8 15 .348 8 1/2 <b>Tuesday's Games</b> Baltimore 7, N.Y. Yankees 1 Detroit 9, Kansas City 3 Toronto 8, Texas 7 Oakland 5, Boston 3 Tampa Bay 3, Seattle 1 Cleveland at Chicago White Sox, Late Minnesota at L.A. Angels, Late <b>Today's Games</b> Texas (M.Harrison 3-1) at Toronto (R.Romero 3-0), 11:37 a.m. Kansas City (J.Sanchez 1-1) at Detroit (Vervander 2-1), 12:05 p.m. Baltimore (Arrieta 1-2) at N.Y. Yankees (Nova 3-0), 6:05 p.m. Oakland (McCarthy 1-3) at Boston (Bard 2-2), 6:10 p.m. Seattle (Beavan 1-2) at Tampa Bay (Shields 4-0), 6:10 p.m. Cleveland (Tomlin 1-2) at Chicago White Sox (Humber 1-1), 7:10 p.m. Minnesota (Hendriks 0-1) at L.A. Angels (Weaver 3-0), 9:05 p.m. <b>National League</b> <b>At A Glance</b> <b>All Times CDT</b> <b>East Division</b> <b>W L Pct GB</b> Washington 14 9 .609 — Atlanta 14 10 .583 1/2 New York 13 11 .542 1 1/2 Philadelphia 12 12 .500 2 1/2 Miami 8 14 .364 5 1/2 <b>Central Division</b> <b>W L Pct GB</b> St. Louis 15 8 .652 — Cincinnati 11 11 .500 3 1/2 Milwaukee 11 12 .478 4 Pittsburgh 10 13 .435 5 Houston 10 14 .417 5 1/2 Chicago 8 15 .348 7 <b>West Division</b> <b>W L Pct GB</b> Los Angeles 16 7 .696 — San Francisco 12 10 .545 3 1/2 Arizona 13 11 .542 3 1/2 Colorado 11 11 .500 4 1/2 San Diego 7 17 .292 9 1/2 <b>Tuesday's Games</b> Arizona 5, Washington 1 Philadelphia 4, Atlanta 2 Chicago Cubs at Cincinnati, ppd., rain Houston 6, N.Y. Mets 3 St. Louis 10, Pittsburgh 7 L.A. Dodgers at Colorado, Late Milwaukee at San Diego, Late Miami at San Francisco, Late <b>Today's Games</b> N.Y. Mets (Schwinden 0-0) at Houston (W.Rodríguez 2-2), 1:05 p.m. L.A. Dodgers (Kershaw 2-0) at Colorado (Pomeranz 0-1), 2:10 p.m. Milwaukee (Gallardo 1-2) at San Diego (Suppan 0-0), 5:35 p.m. Arizona (J.Saunders 2-1) at Washington (E.Jackson 1-1), 6:05 p.m. Chicago Cubs (Samardzija 2-1) at Cincinnati (Arroyo 1-0), 6:10 p.m. Philadelphia (Halladay 3-2) at Atlanta (Hanson 3-2), 6:10 p.m. Pittsburgh (A.J.Burnett 1-1) at St. Louis (Lynn 4-0), 7:15 p.m. Miami (Zambrano 0-2) at San Francisco (Zito 1-0), 9:15 p.m. <b>Cardinals 10, Pirates 7</b> Pittsburgh St. Louis <b>ab r hbi ab r hbi</b> Presley lf5 0 0 0 Furcal ss 5 2 2 2 Tabata rf4 2 1 2 Jay cf 4 0 2 0 McCth cf3 1 0 0 Holliday lf 5 2 3 2 GJones tb4 1 2 2 Beltran rf3 1 0 0 Walver 2b3 1 2 0 Freese 3b 5 1 1 3 PALVrz 3b4 1 2 3 YMoIn c 5 3 2 0 Barmess2 0 0 0 Craig lb 4 1 2 1 Watson p0 0 0 Salas p 0 0 0 0 MLatph 1 0 0 JRomr p 0 0 0 0 Lincoln p0 0 0 VMarte p 0 0 0 0 Barajs c 4 1 1 0 Motte p 0 0 0 0 Morton p1 0 0 0 Schmkcr 2b4 0 0 0 JHughes p0 0 0 0 Wnwrp p 3 0 1 0 Navarr ss20 1 0 0 MOPtrh b 1 0 0 <b>Totals 33 7 9 7 Totals 391013 8</b> <b>Pittsburgh00200230 — 7</b> <b>St. Louis10014130x — 10</b> E—Barajas (1), G.Jones (1), Barmes (5), P.Alvarez (4), DP—St. Louis 2, LOB—Pittsburgh 4, St. Louis 8, 2B—Barajas (3), Furcal (9), Y.Molina (10), 3B—McCutchen (1), HR—Tabata (1), P.Alvarez (6), Furcal (1), Holliday (5), Freese (6), SB—Holliday (1), Y.Molina 2 (4), Craig (1), S—Morton, Jay. <b>IP H R ERBB SO</b> <b>Pittsburgh</b> Morton L, 1-2 4.1 8 6 5 2 5 J.Hughes 2.3 3 1 0 1 0 Watson .22 1 0 0 0 1 Lincoln 1.0 0 0 0 1 <b>St. Louis</b> Wainwright W., 17 5 4 4 1 6 Salas .2 2 3 3 2 1 J.Romero 0 1 0 0 0 0 V.Marte H,2 .1 0 0 0 0 0 Motte S,4-5 1 1 0 0 0 2 J.Romero pitched to 1 batter in the 8th. HBP—by Wainwright (Barmes). WP—Salas. Umpires—Home, CB Bucknor; First, Angel Campos; Second, Dan Iassogna; Third, Dale Scott. T—3:04, A—36,345 (43,975). <b>Pacific Coast League</b> <b>At A Glance</b> <b>All Times CDT</b> <b>American North Division</b> <b>W L Pct GB</b> Omaha (Royals) 17 9 .654 — Iowa (Cubs) 10 14 .417 6 Memphis (STL) 10 15 .400 6 1/2 Nashville (MIL) 7 17 .292 9 <b>American South Division</b> <b>W L Pct GB</b> Okla. City (HOU)16 9 .640 — New Orleans (FLA)15 10 .600 1 Albuquerque (LAD)14 11 .560 2 Round Rock (TEX)11 15 .423 5 1/2 <b>Pacific North Division</b> <b>W L Pct GB</b> Colo. Springs (COL)14 11 .560 — Salt Lake (Angels) 14 11 .560 — Reno (Arizona) 10 15 .400 4 Tacoma (Seattle) 9 15 .375 4 1/2 <b>Pacific South Division</b> <b>W L Pct GB</b> Fresno (Giants) 19 6 .760 — Sacramento (OAK) 16 9 .640 3 Las Vegas (TOR)10 15 .400 9	
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SPORTS FORECAST

<b>THURSDAY</b> <b>High School Baseball</b> Muhlenberg Co. at Caldwell Co. Barren Co. at Christian Co. Fort Campbell at Dawson Springs Majesty at HCA Hopkinsville at Trigg Co. UHA at Marshall Co. <b>High School Softball</b> Caldwell Co. at Lyon Co. Christian Co. at Madisonville-N.H. Hopkinsville at Hopkins Central Todd Co. Central at Trigg Co. <b>High School Tennis</b> Hopkinsville at Logan Co. <b>FRIDAY</b> <b>High School Baseball</b> Caldwell Co. at UHA Marshall Co. at Christian Co. Fort Campbell at Todd Co. Central  Tucson (Padres) 7 17 .292 11 1/2 <b>Tuesday's Games</b> Iowa 13, Memphis 4 Nashville 8, Omaha 5 Round Rock 6, New Orleans 3 Oklahoma City at Albuquerque, Late Las Vegas at Reno, Late Salt Lake at Fresno, Late Colorado Springs at Sacramento, Late Tacoma at Tucson, Late <b>Today's Games</b> Omaha at Nashville, 12:05 p.m. Colorado Springs at Sacramento, 2:05 p.m. Salt Lake at Fresno, 2:05 p.m. Iowa at Memphis, 7:05 p.m. New Orleans at Round Rock, 7:05 p.m. Oklahoma City at Albuquerque, 7:35 p.m. Las Vegas at Reno, 8:35 p.m. Tacoma at Tucson, 9:05 p.m. <b>COLLEGE BASEBALL</b> <b>Tuesday's College Baseball Scores</b> <b>EAST</b> Le Moyne 4, American Intl. 0 St. Rose 1, Assumption 0 <b>SOUTH</b> Boston College 12, Northeastern 6 Erskine 8, Augusta St. 6 Mount St. Mary's, Md. at Virginia, ccd., rain Wake Forest 7, Elon 5 <b>MIDWEST</b> Pittsburgh 5, Ohio 1, 6 innings, rain <b>SOUTHWEST</b> Dallas Baptist 3, Texas-Arlington 0 Texas 5, Prairie View A&M 2 Texas A&M 10, Sam Houston St. 0 Texas A&M-CC 6, Texas-Pan American 5 <b>FAR WEST</b> <b>TOURNAMENTS</b> <b>AAC Conference</b> <b>First Round</b> Milligan 11, Reinhardt 7 Union (Ky.) 10, Montreat 0 Bryan 6, Bluefield 5 <b>TSAC Conference</b> <b>Second Round</b> Blue Mountain 11, Bethel, Tenn. 4 Cumberland (Tenn.) 12, Freed-Hardeman 7 <b>NHL</b> <b>Daily Playoff Glance</b> <b>All Times CDT</b> <b>(x-if necessary)</b> <b>CONFERENCE SEMIFINALS</b> <b>Friday, April 27</b> Phoenix 4, Nashville 3, OT <b>Saturday, April 28</b> NY Rangers 3, Washington 1 Los Angeles 3, St. Louis 1 <b>Sunday, April 29</b> Philadelphia 4, New Jersey 3, OT Phoenix 5, Nashville 3, Phoenix leads series 2-0 <b>Monday, April 30</b> Washington 3, NY Rangers 2, series tied 1-1 Los Angeles 5, St. Louis 2, Los Angeles leads series 2-0 <b>Tuesday, May 1</b> New Jersey 4, Philadelphia 1, series tied 1-1 <b>Wednesday, May 2</b> NY Rangers at Washington, 6:30 p.m. Phoenix at Nashville, 8 p.m. <b>SOCCER</b> <b>Major League Soccer</b> <b>The Associated Press</b> <b>All Times EDT</b> <b>EASTERN CONFERENCE</b> <b>W L TPTS GF GA</b> Sporting KC 7 1 0 21 12 3 D.C. 4 2 3 15 15 10 New York 4 3 1 13 18 14 Chicago 2 2 2 8 7 8 Houston 2 2 2 8 7 8 Montreal 2 5 2 8 9 15 Philadelphia 2 4 1 7 5 8 Columbus 2 4 1 7 6 10 New England 2 5 0 6 5 9 Toronto FC 0 7 0 0 6 16 <b>WESTERN CONFERENCE</b> <b>W L TPTS GF GA</b> San Jose 6 1 1 19 15 6 Real Salt Lake 6 3 1 19 16 11 Vancouver 4 2 2 14 7 6 Seattle 4 1 1 13 8 3 Colorado 4 4 0 12 12 10 FC Dallas 3 3 3 12 10 12 Los Angeles 3 3 1 10 11 11 Chivas USA 3 5 0 9 4 9 Portland 2 5 1 7 9 13 NOTE: Three points for victory, one point for tie. <b>Today</b> Colorado at New England, 8 p.m. Los Angeles at Seattle FC, 10 p.m. D.C. United at San Jose, 10:30 p.m. <b>Friday, May 4</b> Chicago at Chivas USA, 11 p.m. <b>Saturday, May 5</b> D.C. United at Toronto FC, 4:30 p.m. Philadelphia at Seattle FC, 4:30 p.m. San Jose at Vancouver, 7 p.m. New England at Real Salt Lake, 8 p.m. New York at Los Angeles, 8 p.m. Montreal at Sporting Kansas City, 8:30 p.m. Columbus at Portland, 10:30 p.m. <b>Sunday, May 6</b> Colorado at FC Dallas, 7 p.m. <b>GOLF</b> <b>World Golf Ranking</b> <b>Through April 29</b> 1. Luke Donald ENG 9.55 2. Rory McIlroy NIR 9.33 3. Lee Westwood ENG 8.27 4. Bubba Watson USA 6.40 5. Hunter Mahan USA 5.70 6. Steve Stricker USA 5.60 7. Tiger Woods USA 5.35 8. Martin Kaymer GER 5.35 9. Justin Rose ENG 5.19 10. Phil Mickelson USA 5.18 11. Louis Oosthuizen SAF 5.00 12. Charl Schwartzel SAF 4.96 13. Adam Scott AUS 4.91 14. Webb Simpson USA 4.91 15. Matt Kuchar USA 4.73 16. Jason Day AUS 4.72 17. Dustin Johnson USA 4.65 18. Graeme McDowell NIR 4.55 19. Bill Haas USA 4.36 20. Jason Dufner USA 4.23 21. 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PREP



Christian County's Kelsea Thomas (left) prepares to slide into home as Hopkinsville catcher Erin Ganley waits at the plate during their District 8 softball game Tuesday at Lady Colonel Field. Thomas was safe on the play.

Lady Colonels rout HHS, sweep district

BY KEITH JENKINS  
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The seven-time defending District 8 champion Christian County softball team capped another undefeated regular season in district play Tuesday with a 13-0 win in five innings over Hopkinsville at Lady Colonel Field.

Senior hurler Jasmine Matchen pitched three scoreless innings to earn the victory and added a two-run double at the plate.

"She's steady," Lady Colonels coach Jim Perrin said of Matchen. "That's what you get. Pretty much every day she's really steady. ... But the big thing she does for us is she can really hit that rock. Last time we did the stats, she was hitting right at .450."

Matchen and reliever Lauren Hobson combined for a no-hitter for Christian County (15-2, 4-0 District 8), which coasted to its seventh straight win.

The Lady Tigers (5-10, 4-4) reached base only twice — once in the third inning after Rachel Summers drew a walk and again in the fourth after Madison Duvall reached on an error.

"They're the best team in our district, if not our region," Hopkinsville coach Anthony Holloway said of the Lady Colonels. "We went five innings with them. We had a goose egg up there, but we played them tough. We never quit."

Hobson tagged Lady Tigers starting pitcher Skyler Grant for an RBI-single in the top of the first inning for the first of four runs for Christian County in the stanza.

Kelsea Thomas started the bottom half of the second with a base hit, Melena Whipple drew a walk and Matchen brought them both home with a bases-clearing double that gave the Lady Colonels a 6-0 advantage.

Christian County added five more runs on five hits, including an RBI-double by Whipple,

in the third, and Morgan Cunningham's RBI-triple in the fourth helped propel the Lady Colonels to victory.

"We got several kids who are hitting over .300 right now," Perrin said. "We got probably at least half the team that is hitting a minimal .300. And three of the girls are hitting over .400. Hopefully we can keep doing that. We like to spread them out. We can score in any inning."

Christian County will head to Madisonville-North Hopkins on Thursday, while Hopkinsville is off until a road showdown Thursday at defending Region 2 champion Hopkins County Central.

**Christian Co. 13, Hopkinsville 0**  
**Hopkinsville 000 00-0 2**  
**Christian Co. 425 2x-13 14 1**  
WP— Matchen (3 IP, 1 K, 1BB)  
LP— Grant (4 IP, 3 K, 1 BB)  
**Leading Hitters:** CCHS — Glass (2 1B), Thomas (2 1B), Whipple (1B, 2B), Hobson (1B), Matchen (2B), Alder (2 1B), Cunningham (1B, 3B), L. eavell (1B), Harris (1B).

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Alvarado signs with LWC

BY JOE WILSON  
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Heritage Christian Academy's Joe Alvarado enjoys going down to the creek beside his house and digging up rocks, looking for fossils.

He's hoping his favorite sport will help him make a career of his hobby.

Alvarado became the first HCA soccer player to sign a scholarship when he joined Lindsey Wilson College during a ceremony on Tuesday afternoon.

"It is definitely a dream come true," Alvarado said. "I have been looking forward to this since I can remember. It's just another chance for me to take my skills to another level."

Alvarado, who had 55 career goals for the Warriors, said he wants to study history and later study archeology.

"I really love going down to the creek and looking for rocks and stuff like that," he said.

HCA coach Tony Henson said Alvarado will have lots of soccer to play before he can retire to the dirt.

"He is the most determined soccer player I've ever seen," Henson said. "People mistake his determination for



Heritage Christian Academy's Joe Alvarado, shown during a soccer game last season, signed Tuesday with Lindsey Wilson College.

hot-headedness but he just has a true grit for the game."

Lindsey Wilson assistant coach Thuba Nkomazana said he had heard about Alvarado for several years and was happy to sign the HCA star.

"He has a dedication and confidence and he's ready to go play at the next level," Nkomazana said. "We are very excited to sign him."

Nkomazana said they most likely would use Alvarado as a wing.

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Mustangs surge by Christian Co.

FROM NEW ERA  
STAFF REPORTS

Muhlenberg County scored six runs in its final two at-bats and defeated host Christian County 8-6 Tuesday night in a high school baseball game.

The Colonels had taken a 6-2 lead through five innings with the help of Logan Daniel, who had two singles and a double. Dixon Craft had a double and single and Dylan Joiner added a pair of singles.

The Colonels slipped to 11-16 on the season.

**Muhlenberg Co. 8, Christian Co. 6**  
**Muhlenberg Co. 001 103 3-8 11 5**  
**Christian Co. 002 310 0-6 11 0**  
WP—Hunter Fulcher  
LP—John Michael Kelly (2/3 IP, 1 SO, 0 BB).

**Leading Hitters:** CCHS — Logan Pat-terson (1B), Daniel (2 1B, 2B), Clayton Baker (1B), Craft (2B, 1B), Dylan Joiner (2 1B), Dylan Barnett (1B), Dalton Rowe (1B).

Allen, Trigg County wallop visiting Murray

Trigg County broke out the bats Tuesday night and walloped visiting Murray 10-3 in a high school baseball game.

Hunter Allen came within a triple of hitting for the cycle and drove in four runs for the Wildcats (9-14).

Zack Bridges picked up the pitching win, striking out five and walking two in five innings. He also had a pair of singles at the plate.

Nick Allen had a pair of

doubles and a single and David Wease slammed a double and single. Ben Wigand added a double.

**Trigg Co. 10, Murray 3**  
**Murray 200 010 0-3 5 3**  
**Trigg Co. 203 401 x-10 13 0**  
WP—Bridges (5 IP, 5 SO, 2 BB).

**LP—Adams**  
**Leading Hitters:** Trigg — Zach Snodgrass (1B), Trace Kuberski (1B), H. Allen (1B, 2B, HR), N. Allen (2 2B, 1B), Wigand (2B), Wease (2B, 1B), Bridges (2 1B).

Caver family clashes in Fort Campbell loss

Adam Caver, the nephew of Fort Campbell High School baseball coach Kenny Caver, pitched Clarksville (Tenn.) Northwest to a 12-1 win Tuesday night.

The Falcons slipped to 11-12 on the season.



**BRIEFS**

**Castile earns OVC  
Player of the Week**

Former Christian County High School softball player Casey Castile has been named the Adidas Ohio Valley Conference Player of the Week.

Castile, a freshman center fielder, hit .600 last week in seven games for Murray State University. She hit three home runs, drove in nine runs and scored eight times.

The former Colonel star leads Murray State with nine home runs and 40 RBIs this season.

**Joiner named C-USA  
Pitcher of the Week**

Chase Joiner, a former Christian County High School baseball star, was named Conference USA Pitcher of the Week after a complete-game five-hit shutout win over No. 7-ranked South Florida last weekend.

The Memphis University senior right-hander struck out four and walked two.

This is the second time this season that Joiner has earned the C-USA Pitcher of the Week honor.

**Trigg's Choate wins  
USJGT golf tourney**

Trigg County golfer Nick Choate won the boys' high school division of the USJGT golf tournament last weekend in Nashville, Tenn.

Choate shot a 2-over par 74 on Saturday and followed that up with a 2-under 70 on Sunday.

The victory qualifies Choate for the tour championship later this month at Greystone in Dickson, Tenn.

**HHS football plays  
host to trivia night**

Hopkinsville High School's football team will play host to the Trivia Challenge Night at 6 p.m. Friday in the high school cafeteria.

A team will consist of six players. Categories will consist of 100 years of Hopkinsville football, movies/TV and other areas.

The cost is \$120 per team or \$20 per player.

**CCHS sets tryouts  
for boys' girls' soccer**

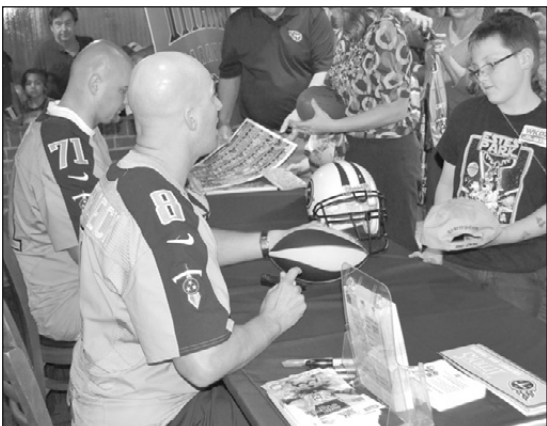
A tryout for all boys and girls interested in playing varsity, JV or middle school soccer for Christian County High School is scheduled for 5:30 p.m. Thursday at the high school practice field.

A practice calendar will be handed out. A player must have a current Kentucky sports physical.

In addition, the Colonel Soccer Camp is scheduled for 9 a.m. until 11 a.m. May 28-31 at the school's practice field. The cost is \$75 per player and includes a soccer ball and shirt.

The camp is open to all first through eighth graders. The deadline to register is May 14 and registration can be dropped off at Christian County High School.

**NFL**



KEITH JENKINS | KENTUCKY NEW ERA

Tennessee Titans players Matt Hassellbeck (8) and Michael Roos sign autographs for fans Monday afternoon at the O'Charley's in Hopkinsville.

**TITANS: Fans enjoy  
Tennessee players**

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Bowler who is entering his second season with the Titans after spending 10 years with Seattle, said he thinks it was his first time ever being in Hopkinsville. Roos, who is entering his eighth season in Tennessee, said he's stopped in town before as part of the caravan. The Titans did not have a tour last offseason due to the lockout.

"It's always been a great crowd," Roos said. "The fans are great here like everywhere else for the Titans. It was a great experience."

"They're the ones that cheer for us on Sundays, so to be able to come over here and show them how much we care and thank them, it's always fun."

Mike Keith, the play-by-play voice of the Titans, and Tennessee cheerleader Brooke Bailey, a Cadiz native and graduate of University Heights Academy, also joined in the festivities.

The Titans open the 2012 regular season Sept. 9 at LP Field against New England.

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**PREP**

**WELLS: Hoptown  
coach stepping down**

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5 mark. The Lady Tigers won their first Sweet 16 state tournament game and senior Christy Soldo became the first Hopkinsville High School girls' basketball player to be selected for the Kentucky All-Star team.

"I'm proud of all we have accomplished," Wells said. "All good things come to an end. I'm not going to coach anywhere else. I just want to spend more time with my family."

Kelley said he will begin the search for a new coach immediately.

"I just hope she (Wells) take time to enjoy her family like she wants to do and gets to do the things she wants to do," he said. "I am very disappointed to lose her as a coach."

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**PREP**

**Caldwell  
edges  
Heights**

FROM NEW ERA STAFF REPORTS

An error in the bottom of the ninth inning by University Heights Academy helped host Caldwell County beat the Lady Blazers 6-5 in nine innings.

The Lady Blazers (12-11) tied the game at 5-5 with two runs in the top of the seventh inning.

Isabella Meeks had three hits to lead Caldwell. Cassie Yates had two singles.

UHA was paced by Chelsea Cansler and Sydney Davenport, who each had a double.

The Lady Blazers committed nine errors in the contest.

Caldwell Co. 6, UHA 5  
U. Heights 110 010 200-5 8 9  
Caldwell Co. 002 012 001-6 8 3  
WP-Paude  
LP-Lexie O'Daniel (9 SO, 1 SO, 3 BB).  
Leading Hitters: UHA - Cansler (2B), O'Daniel (1B), Davenport (2B), Makenzi Hamby (1B), Shelby Reynolds (1B), Carson Bryant (1B), Kelsey Thomas (1B), Paige Allen (1B); Caldwell - Holt (1B), Yates (2 1B), O'Connell (1B), Meeks (3 1B), Litchfield (1B).

**Maroons  
topple  
Colonels**

FROM NEW ERA STAFF REPORTS

Madisonville-North Hopkins took advantage of four Christian County errors and defeated the visiting Colonels 5-1 Monday night in a high school baseball game.

Christian County (11-16) led 1-0 in the third inning but the Maroons scored five unanswered including two in the fourth inning to pull away.

Clayton Baker had a pair of singles to lead the Colonels, who had six hits on the day.

Madisonville 5, Christian Co. 1  
Madisonville 001 201 1 6 3  
Christian Co. 001 000 0-1 6 4  
WP-N/A  
LP-N/A  
Leading Hitters: CCHS - Dixon Craft (1B), David Smith (1B), Dylan Joiner (1B), Logan Daniel (1B), Baker (2 1B).

**Trigg splits softball games**

FROM NEW ERA STAFF REPORTS

The Trigg County Lady Wildcats split a softball doubleheader against visiting Fort Campbell and Crittenden County Tuesday night.

Trigg scored 10 runs in the first inning and mauled the Lady Falcons 15-5.

Ariana Brown had two singles and a double and Sierra Bush had a double for Trigg.

In the second game, Trigg committed seven errors and fell to Crittenden 8-5.

Brown had a double and triple and Bush and Allison Russell each doubled for Trigg.

Trigg Co. 15, Fort Campbell 5  
Fort Campbell 203 00-5 4 2  
Trigg Co. (10)30 02-15 6 6  
WP-Hallgren (4 1/3 IP, 7 SO, 1 BB).  
LP-Gossett  
Leading Hitters: FCHS - Gossett (1B), Ammerman (1B), Bryant (1B), McPhal (1B); Trigg - Brown (2 1B, 2B), Bush (2B), Hallgren (1B), Gracie Dixon (1B).

Crittenden Co. 8, Trigg Co. 5  
Crittenden Co. 012 050 0-8 6 2  
Trigg Co. 131 000 0-5 8 7  
WP-Owen  
LP-Russell  
Leading Hitters: Trigg - Brown (2B, 3B), Bush (2B), Russell (2B), Hallgren (1B), Rogers (1B), Byers (1B), Dixon (1B).

**Paducah Tilghman tips  
University Heights, 7-4**

Paducah Tilghman scored four runs in the bottom of the fourth inning and defeated visiting University Heights Academy 7-4 Tuesday night in a high school softball game.

Chelsea Cansler had a single and double and Sydney Davenport added two singles to lead UHA (12-12).

Paducah 7, UHA 4  
U. Heights 100 030 0-4 6 4  
PaducahTilgh. 040 120 x-7 12 4  
WP-Humphrey  
LP-Shemwell (1 1/3 IP, 0 SO, 2 BB).  
Leading Hitters: UHA - Cansler (1B, 2B), Davenport (2 1B), Shelby Reynolds (1B), Marley Thomas (1B).

**Watkins pitches Todd  
past Russellville, 8-2**

Kayla Watkins struck out nine and tossed a three-hitter and host Todd County Central beat Russellville 8-2 in a District 13 softball game.

Yadel Gonzalez tripled, and Addison Rundall doubled to lead Todd (10-16, 4-1).

In the JV game, Todd defeated Russellville 6-2. Makayla Bilyeu had an inside-the-park home run.

Todd Co. Cent. 8, Russellville 2  
Russellville 002 000 0-2 3 1  
Todd Co. Cent. 124 010 x-8 8 1  
WP-Watkins (9 SO, 2 BB).  
LP-Macy Meachem  
Leading Hitters: Todd - Lauren Addison (1B), Rundall (2B), Gonzalez (3B), Perry (2 1B), Hilary Sweeney (1B), Bilyeu (1B).

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**ATHLETES of the WEEK**

**David Smith**  
The Christian County High School baseball player hit a two-run home run to lead the Colonels to a 5-1 win over Louisville Holy Cross last week in the Louisville Invitational Tournament.

**Sydney Davenport**  
The University Heights Academy softball player slammed a double off the fence and a home run to help the Lady Blazers defeat Mayfield 8-4 last week.

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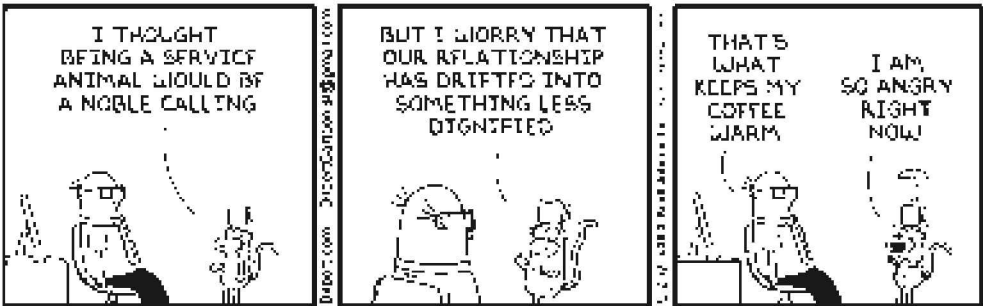
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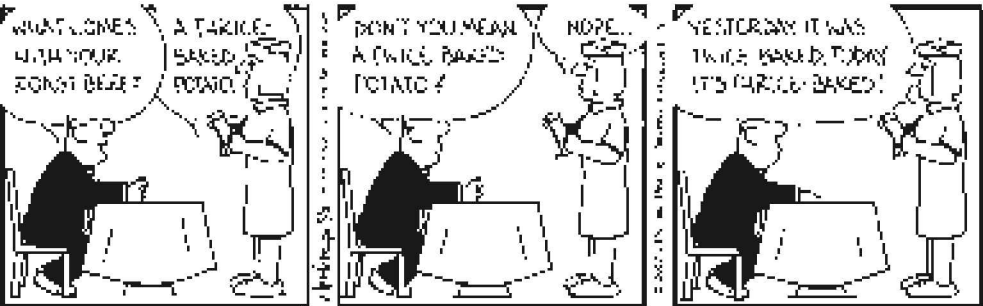
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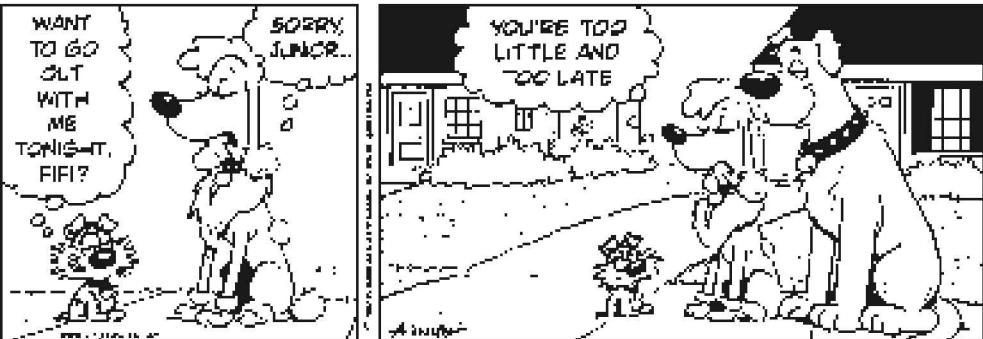
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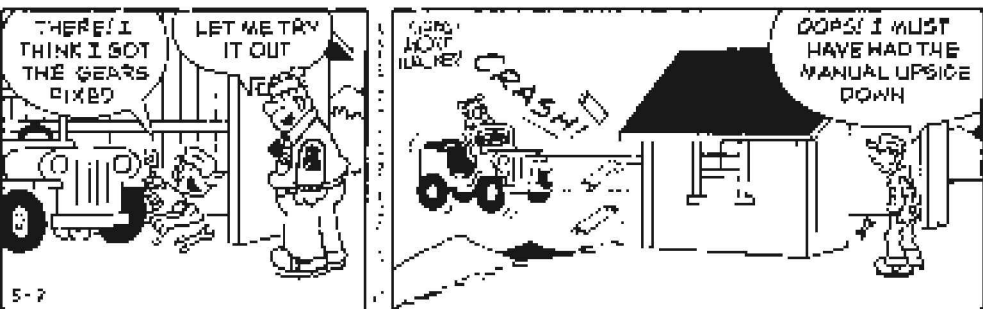
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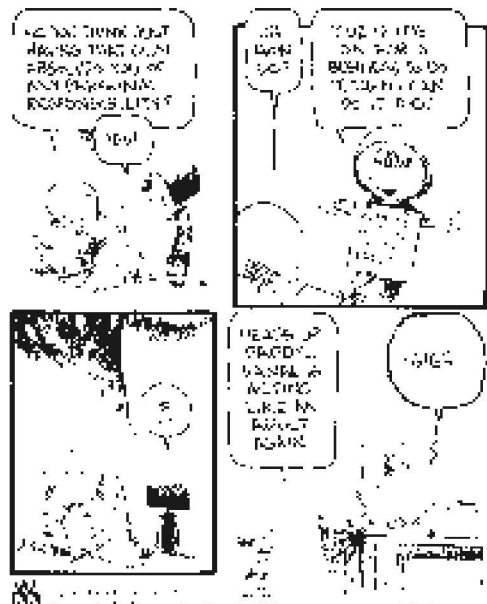
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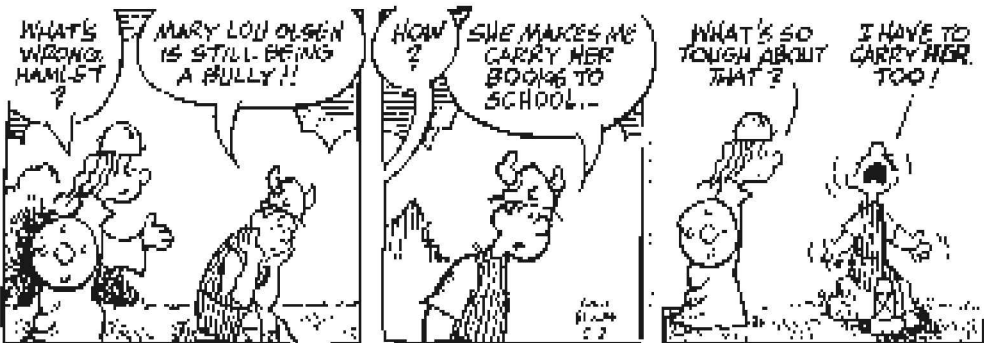
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## WHAT'S ON THE MENU?

# Cuisine fit for a Run for the Roses

We love our traditions in Kentucky and there is none bigger than the Kentucky Derby. At about 6 p.m. this Saturday, the 138th running of the Kentucky Derby will happen, rain or shine, sleet or snow. The tradition of going to the Derby for Tony and I began more than 20 years ago. What fun we have had. The group that we go with has been attending for more than 50 years. We have seen generations come and go. We have made lifelong friends.



**MARGARET PRIM**

There are few songs that can inspire as much emotion and pride as "My Old Kentucky Home," especially when it is played by the Louisville band with thoroughbreds on the track waiting to run the race of their lives.

For me, it is all about the hat. I love hats, and with Derby hats, the bigger the better! You feel so dressed up in a hat — the dress definitely comes later. For Tony, he loves the seersucker suit. When he wears it, we all have to hear the seersucker suit joke.... again! For a fashion girl, the

Derby provides endless opportunities to dress up and I have just about as much fun people-watching as horse-people-watching. There are also the movie stars, basketball coaches, professional athletes and the likes to stalk out.

The most exciting two minutes in sports is really a long weekend with endless options for food at the track. You can get a great corn beef sandwich, hot-dog or burgoo (not Western Kentucky burgoo!) and you can also get barbecued shrimp and hot brown.

By now, you can probably tell that I love to entertain with a theme and the Derby is a favorite. There are a few of my Derby appetizer recipes.

We will be watching the race again this year. Tony is a pretty good handicapper and he has picked his favorites. My wagering style is pure intuition. Once I walked in the gates beside Bob Baffert, so I bet on Silver Charm and guess what: I won!

We won't know the post positions until later this afternoon, but Tony says he would bet on Gemologist and Union Regs. I am leaning towards I'll Have Another — seems right for the day!



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A spread of Derby food is shown recently at Margaret Prim's home. Prim attends the Derby each year with her husband, Tony, and enjoys many fun Derby traditions.

MARGARET PRIM runs a clothing business from her Hopkinsville home and enjoys entertaining for friends and family. Her column runs the first Wednesday of every month. If you have questions or comments about her column, email them to knefood@kentuckynewera.com.

## Barbecued shrimp

2 cups butter  
2 cups olive oil  
3/4 cup Worcestershire sauce  
6 tablespoons ground black pepper  
4 lemons sliced  
1/2 teaspoon hot pepper sauce  
1 teaspoon Italian seasoning  
3 cloves garlic, minced  
1 teaspoon paprika  
4 teaspoons salt  
8 pounds large shrimp—peeled and deveined, tails on

Preheat oven to 450 degrees Fahrenheit.

Heat butter and oil in a large saucepan. Add

Worcestershire sauce, black pepper, lemons, hot sauce, Italian seasoning, garlic, paprika and salt to the saucepan. Mix well and simmer five to seven minutes.

Divide shrimp between two Dutch ovens. Pour 1/2 of the sauce into one Dutch oven and 1/2 of the sauce into the other. Heat the sauce in both Dutch ovens to a simmer and cook the shrimp for six minutes or until the shrimp begin to turn pink.

When the shrimp have begun to turn pink, pour them and the sauce from both Dutch ovens into a large baking pan (or two pans depending on how much sauce you have). Bake the shrimp for 10 minutes stirring once.

Serve this dish with warm French bread to sop up the sauce!



## Derby tarts

Refrigerated pie crusts  
1 1/2 cups chopped pecans  
1 cup semi-sweet chocolate morsels  
1 cup dark corn syrup  
1/2 cup firmly packed brown sugar  
1/4 cup bourbon  
4 large eggs  
1/4 cup butter, melted  
2 teaspoons cornmeal  
2 teaspoons vanilla extract  
1/2 teaspoon salt

Roll out room temperature pie crust on a floured surface. Cut rounds with a cookie cutter, slightly larger than your mini-muffin tins. Spray

the tins with nonstick cooking spray. Mold the rounds into each muffin tin.

Sprinkle pecans and chocolate evenly onto the bottom of pie crust and set aside.

Combine corn syrup and next three ingredients in a saucepan and bring to a boil over medium heat. Cook, stirring constantly, for three minutes. Remove from heat.

Whisk together eggs and next four ingredients. Gradually whisk about one-

fourth hot mixture into egg mixture.

Add it to remaining hot mixture, whisking constantly. Pour filling into muffin tins, filling almost to the top.

Bake at 325 degrees for about 25 minutes or until set.

Cool on a wire rack. You may need to run a knife around the edges to loosen tarts.



## Mint juleps

3 fresh mint leaves  
1 tablespoon mint simple syrup  
Crushed ice  
1 ounce bourbon  
1 (4-inch) cocktail straw or coffee stirrer

1 fresh mint sprig  
Powdered sugar

Place mint leaves and mint simple syrup in a chilled julep cup. Gently press leaves against cup with the back of a spoon to release flavors. Pack cup tightly with crushed ice.

Pour bourbon over ice. Insert straw, place mint sprig directly next to straw and serve immediately. Sprinkle with powdered sugar.

To make mint simple syrup:

1 cup water  
1 cup sugar  
10-12 fresh mint sprigs

Makes two cups. Keep refrigerated about a week and perfectly sweetens ice tea. Bring sugar and water to a boil in a medium saucepan, stirring often, for five minutes or until sugar dissolves. Remove from heat, add mint and let cool completely. Pour into a glass jar. Cover and chill 24 hours. Remove and discard mint.



## Blue cheese and caramelized shallot dip

(make ahead and refrigerate ingredients)  
1 tablespoon olive oil  
1 1/2 cups thinly sliced shallots (about 4 ounces)  
3/4 cup mayonnaise  
3/4 cup sour cream  
4 ounces blue cheese, room temperature

Heat oil in heavy medium saucepan over medium-low heat.

Add shallots. Cover and cook until shallots are deep golden brown, stirring occasionally, about 20 minutes. Cool. Whisk together mayonnaise and sour cream in medium bowl to blend. Add blue cheese. Using a rubber spatula, mash mixture until smooth. Stir in caramelized shallots. Season dip with salt and pepper.

Cover dip and refrigerate until flavors blend, about two hours.



## Baby hot brown

24 pumpnickel party rye bread slices  
3 tablespoons unsalted butter  
3 tablespoons all-purpose flour  
1 cup whole milk  
1 1/2 cup grated cheddar cheese  
1 1/2 cups diced cooked turkey  
5 plum tomatoes, thinly sliced  
6 pieces bacon, cooked and crumbled  
1/4 teaspoon ground red pepper  
1/2 cup freshly grated Parmesan cheese

Arrange bread slices on a lightly greased baking sheet. Broil 6 inches from heat for three to four minutes.

Melt butter in a saucepan over low heat. Add flour and cook, whisking constantly, until smooth. Gradually whisk in milk. Cook over medium heat, whisking constantly, until mixture is thickened and bubbly. Add cheddar cheese, whisking until cheese melts. Stir in diced turkey, salt and ground red pepper.

Top bread evenly with warm cheese-turkey mixture. Sprinkle evenly with Parmesan cheese and half of bacon.

Bake at 500 degrees for two minutes or until Parmesan is melted. Top with tomato slices, sprinkle evenly with remaining bacon.

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